

Remarks

Election of Single Disclosed Species

A second restriction requirement has been imposed upon the Applicant under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner has noted four species within the pending application, as follows:

Species I, as applied to claims 1-5, 15-21 and 35-40 in their current form;

Species II, as applied to claims 6-10 and 41-46 in their current form;

Species III, as applied to claims 11-14, 28-34 and 47-51 in their current form; and

Species IV, as applied to claims 22-23 and 25-27 in their current form.

Accordingly, the Applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits in the event that no generic claim is finally held allowable.

In response, the Applicant hereby elects Species "IV", as applied to claims 22-23 and 25-27 in their current form, for prosecution under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner has indicated that currently claims 52-55 are generic (page 3 of Office action).

Claims 1-16, 18-21, 28-29 and 31-51 are hereby withdrawn, without prejudice.

The Applicant notes that claims 17, 24 and 30 were withdrawn previously by way of Amendment "A", as filed with the Office via deposit as first class mail with the United States Postal Service on June 1, 2005.

This election is being made without traverse.

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1 The Applicant believes that the election of a single species as set forth herein
2 above constitutes a full and complete response to the Office action. As such, the
3 Applicant respectfully requests examination on the merits in favor of allowance.

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5 Respectfully submitted,

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